(c) and (d) Yes. During 1994-95, a total amount of Rs. 26,58,452/- was released to State Government of Bihar including the grant of Rs. 4,10,788/- to Bihar Blind People's Care Society, Patna for implementation of this programme. The State Government of Bihar has not sent the utilisation certificate for this grant. However, on the recommendation of the State Government of Bihar an amount of Rs. 12,53,877/- to this NGO, Bihar Blind People's Care Society, Patna has been sanctioned for the year 2000-2001.

Area Studies Programmes in Universities

2815. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in which universities the Area Studies Programmes, approved by the UGC, are functioning;

(b) the financial grant provided by the UGC for these programmes; and

(c) whether UGC has decided to reduce/cut grants to Area Studies Programmes, due to paucity of funds?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has approved 19 Area Studies Centres at 17 Universities. A list of these Centres/Universities showing the details of financial grant/facilities approved by UGC, both recurring and non-recurring, for five years w.e.f. 1.4.1999, is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

List of area Studies Centres/Universities and details of Financial Grant/ Facilities approved by UGC for these centres of five years w.e.f. 1.4.1999

S. No.	Name of the Centre/ University	Financial assistance (Non-recurring) (Rs. in lakhs)	Facilities approved (Recurring)
1.	Centre for Studies on Indo-China, Sri Venkateswara University	14.00	Scholars/Research/ Project Fellow-2

S. No.	Name of the Centre/ University	Financial assistance/ (Non-recurring) (Rs. in lakhs)	Facilities approved (Recurring)
2.	Centre for Central Eurasion (Soviet) Studies, University of Bombay	11.00	—
3.	Centre for African Studies, University of Bombay	13.00	Junior Research Fellow-3
4.	Centre for South and South East Asian Studies, University of Madras	14.00	Reader-1 Lecturer-1 Research Scholar/ Fellows/ Project Fellows-2
5.	Centre for SAARC Studies, Andhra University	12.00	Director-1 Lecturer-1 Scholars/Fellows-2
6.	Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University	12.50	Research Scholars/ Fellows-2Diplomat & Ambassador in residence
7.	Centre for South Asian Studies, Rajasthan University	16.50	—
8.	Centre for Central Asian Studies, Kashmir University	13.00	Reader-1 Lecturer-1 Research Associate-2 Junior Research Fellow-4
9.	Centre for Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University	5.85	—
10.	Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University	10.50	Lecturer-1 Research Associate-3 Junior Research Fellow-2 Scholars-2 Ambassador in residence-1

S. No.	Name of the Centre/ University	Financial assistance/ (Non-recurring) (Rs. in lakhs)	Facilities approved (Recurring)
11.	Centre for West Asian and African Studies (Gulf), Jawaharlal Nehru University	12.50	Assistant Professor-1 Research Associate-3 Junior Research Fellow-3 Scholar on attachment basis-2
12.	Centre for Studies on Nepal, Banaras Hindu University	7.50	—
13.	Centre for Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia	9.50	Professor-1 Reader-1 Language Teacher-2 Documentation Officer-1 Research Associate-2
14.	Centre for Chinese and Japanese Studies, Delhi University	14.25	Lecturer-1 Research Associate-6 Maintenance & Support system- Rs. 3.00 lakhs
15.	Centre for Latin American Studies, Goa University	14.50	Reader-1 Research Associate-2 Jr. Research Associate-2
16.	Centre for South East Asian Studies, Calcutta University	6.00	Associate Professor-1 Assistant Professor-1
17.	Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad	24.50	Scholars-2 Hon. Director-1
18.	Centre for Manipuri Studies, Manipur University	6.50	Lecturer-1
19.	Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard University	7.50	—